



## **Dr. Miguel Ángel Felipe**

Dr. Miguel Ángel Felipe is Director of Choral Activities ad interim at Boston University where he serves as a visiting associate professor and leads their graduate choral conducting program. He is also Director of Choral Activities at the University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa where he is an Associate Professor of Music on sabbatical for the 2017–18 academic year.

Felipe is active in the US, Asia, South America, and Europe. Upcoming and recent engagements include leading choirs in the Spain, Brazil, and Texas; presenting masterclasses in Sweden, Singapore, and Pennsylvania; and adjudicating choirs in Indonesia, Germany, and Arizona. Felipe’s choirs have performed internationally and domestically, often to high praise: “the [ensemble], under the direction of Miguel Felipe, has progressed to the point that it is simply a fine vocal instrument in absolute terms.”

A devoted supporter of new music and lesser known masterpieces, Felipe has commissioned extensively and spoken at US events about the composer-conductor relationship. His programs often meld adventurous with traditional repertoire exploring with audiences and singers an evolving, global choral tradition. His research focuses on choral innovations in Indonesia and Southeast Asia, on concepts of the influence of choral societies in cultural development, and on conducting pedagogy.

Felipe has served on the faculty of Oberlin College & Conservatory, The Boston Conservatory at Berklee, Brown University, and Mount Holyoke College. He has led choirs at Harvard University; the Universidade de São Paulo, Ribeirão Preto (Brazil); and in various churches including the Lutheran Church of Honolulu where he served as the Director of Music and Liturgy from 2011–2014.

A frequent guest conductor, Felipe has been described as a “a dynamic young conductor who had clearly committed himself to bringing the best” of singers. He’s active as vice president of the National Collegiate Choral Organization, as the vice/past president of the Hawai‘i Chapter of the American Choral Directors Association, and as a member of Chorus America. Felipe is a proud member of Pi Kappa Lambda, the national music honor society.

Felipe earned his BM, summa cum laude, at the University of Cincinnati College-Conservatory of Music, and his MM and DMA at Boston University where he studied with Dr. Ann Howard Jones, David Hoose, Craig Smith, and Joseph Flummerfelt.